

changes. The DoD and the American taxpayer need to understand the potential impact to the readiness of our armed forces.

This legislation has four basic provisions that will provide improved business practices.

First, this legislation requires the Department of Defense to establish a system to track the costs and savings incurred through managed competitions, efficient reorganizations, and the streamlining of other functions currently being performed by the government through the A-76 process or other re-engineering of a federal activity.

The data collected through the establishment of this system will serve two purposes. It will be compiled into a report the Department of Defense is required to submit to Congress each year, so that Congress will have the information necessary to provide oversight of the A-76 process and other cost saving reorganizing process. The data will also be used to establish a metric of current performance and current costs prior to outsourcing, to serve as a standard for future performance and future cost comparisons—so that the leaders within the Department of Defense will be able to validate the actual savings achieved and evaluate the maintenance of performance standards.

Second, this legislation requires that the cost and savings incurred through out-sourcing, strategic sourcing, or reorganizing each position currently staffed by federal personnel, be projected over the Future Years Defense Program. This requirement will improve savings estimates by including both the short and long term costs associated with outsourcing, or contracting out a function.

The third provision of this legislation requires the Secretary of Defense to certify that the function analysis and decision to outsource, strategically source, or to maintain the current federal force was not based on unfair personnel constraints that may prevent the current federal organization from operating efficiently. This will ensure that our federal workers are provided a fair chance in any process and will provide the Department of Defense the most efficient work force for the actual task at hand.

As part of the A-76 process, the Department of Defense is required to conduct an evaluation of the impact on local economies and communities if the decision is made to convert functions currently being performed by government workers to the private sector. The fourth provision of this legislation requires the Department of Defense to submit a statement of the potential economic impact on each affected local community. This notification will provide Congress and our constituents the opportunity to better understand these impacts.

Mr. President, in the short term, this legislation will require significant changes in the way the Department of Defense conducts its processes. But in

the long term this legislation will yield significant benefit. These four provisions are based on the recommendations of experts in the U.S. General Accounting Office and the Naval Audit Service. By enforcing better business practices—which is what this legislation effectively does—the long term effects will benefit the Department of Defense by improving the accuracy of cost and savings estimates, stabilizing the budget, and protecting modernization programs.

Additionally, the benefits will extend to the current federal workforce, who will be guaranteed the opportunity to compete on an equal basis, and the local communities surrounding these agencies will be able to better understand the impact of any decisions that are made.

Mr. President, I firmly believe that this legislation supports the best interests of the Department of Defense and the federal work force. I urge my colleagues to review this legislation—and I am confident that they will see its merits and join me and support this bill.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 514

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 514, a bill to improve the National Writing Project.

S. 866

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 866, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revise existing regulations concerning the conditions of participation for hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers under the medicare program relating to certified registered nurse anesthetists' services to make the regulations consistent with State supervision requirements.

S. 890

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 890, a bill to facilitate the naturalization of aliens who served with special guerrilla units or irregular forces in Laos.

S. 934

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 934, a bill to enhance rights and protections for victims of crime.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. L. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a new prospective payment system for Federally-qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

S. 1361

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1361, a bill to amend the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 to provide for an expanded Federal program of hazard mitigation, relief, and insurance against the risk of catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, and for other purposes.

S. 1369

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1369, a bill to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency, and for other purposes.

S. 1571

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1571, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for permanent eligibility of former members of the Selected Reserve for veterans housing loans.

S. 1594

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1594, a bill to amend the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

S. 1608

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1608, a bill to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System lands managed by the Forest Service, and the reconstituted Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands managed predominately by the Bureau of Land Management, for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of the public schools, roads, emergency and other public purposes; to encourage and provide new mechanisms for cooperation between counties and the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management to make necessary investments in Federal lands, and reaffirm the positive connection between Federal Lands counties and Federal Lands; and for other purposes.

S. 1646

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1646, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to improve the coverage of needy children under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and the Medicaid Program.

S. 1846

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1846, a bill to redesignate

the Federal building located at 10301 South Compton Avenue, in Los Angeles, California, and known as the Watts Finance Office, as the "Augustus F. Hawkins Post Office Building."

S. 1847

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1847, a bill to redesignate the Federal building located at 701 South Santa Fe Avenue in Compton, California, and known as the Compton Main Post Office, as the "Mervyn Malcolm Dymally Post Office Building."

S. 1902

At the request of Mr. HATCH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1902, a bill to require disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act regarding certain persons and records of the Japanese Imperial Army in a manner that does not impair any investigation or prosecution conducted by the Department of Justice or certain intelligence matters, and for other purposes.

S. 1921

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1921, a bill to authorize the placement within the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of a plaque to honor Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service.

S. 1941

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1941, a bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide assistance to fire departments and fire prevention organizations for the purpose of protecting the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards.

S. 2018

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 2018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the update factor used in making payments to PPS hospitals under the medicare program.

S. 2044

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2044, a bill to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for domestic violence programs through the voluntary purchase of specially issued postage stamps.

S. 2060

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2060, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on be-

half of the Congress to Charles M. Schulz in recognition of his lasting artistic contributions to the Nation and the world, and for other purposes.

S. 2061

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2061, a bill to establish a crime prevention and computer education initiative.

S. 2087

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MACK) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. ROTH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2087, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to benefits under the TRICARE program; to extend and improve certain demonstration programs under the Defense Health Program; and for other purposes.

S. 2218

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2218, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a program under which long-term care insurance is made available to Federal employees and annuitants and members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

S. 2225

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2225, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a deduction for qualified long-term care insurance premiums, use of such insurance under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, and a credit for individuals with long-term care needs.

S. 2255

At the request of Mr. MCCAIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2255, a bill to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium through calendar year 2006.

S. 2308

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2308, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to assure preservation of safety net hospitals through maintenance of the Medicaid disproportionate share hospital program.

S. 2316

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MACK) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) were added as cosponsors of S. 2316, a bill to authorize the lease of real and personal property under the jurisdiction of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

S. 2344

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cospon-

sor of S. 2344, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat payments under the Conservation Reserve Program as rentals from real estate.

S. 2357

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2357, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive military retired pay concurrently with veterans' disability compensation.

S. 2365

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2365, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 15 percent reduction in payment rates under the prospective payment system for home health services.

S. 2386

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2386, a bill to extend the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act.

S. 2394

At the request of Mr. MOYNIHAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2394, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to stabilize indirect graduate medical education payments.

S. 2417

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. MURKOWSKI), and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) were added as cosponsors of S. 2417, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase funding for State nonpoint source pollution control programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2443

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2443, a bill to increase immunization funding and provide for immunization infrastructure and delivery activities.

S. 2459

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. NICKLES), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 2459, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation.

S. CON. RES. 60

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 60, a concurrent

resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. *Wisconsin* and all those who served aboard her.

S. CON. RES. 107

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 107, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress concerning support for the Sixth Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference.

S. RES. 230

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 230, A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to government discrimination in Germany based on religion or belief.

S. RES. 247

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 247, a resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

S. RES. 248

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 248, a resolution to designate the week of May 7, 2000, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week."

SENATE RESOLUTION 297—AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN MARTIN A. LOPOW V. WILLIAM J. HENDERSON

Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 297

Whereas, in the case of Martin A. Lopow v. William J. Henderson, Case No. 3:98CV1329-SRU, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, a subpoena for the production of documents has been issued to Laura Cahill, an employee in the office of Senator Joseph I. Lieberman;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of

justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistently with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Laura Cahill is authorized to testify in the case of Martin A. Lopow v. William J. Henderson, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Laura Cahill in connection with the testimony authorized in section one of this resolution.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2000 at 10 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on acquisition reform efforts, the acquisition workforce, logistics contracting and inventory management practices, and the Defense industrial base in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2001 and the future years Defense program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on Medical Records Privacy during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a business meeting on pending legislation (TBA), followed immediately by a hearing on draft legislation to reauthorize the Indian Sections of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The hearing will be held in the committee room, 485 Russell Senate Office Building.

Those wishing additional information may contact the committee at (202) 224-2251.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on citizen participation in the political process.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee

on Securities of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, to conduct a hearing on "Competition and Transparency in the Financial Marketplace of the Future."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, at 3 p.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 26, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 2273, a bill to establish the Black Rocks Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area; and S. 2048, a bill to establish the San Rafael Western Legacy District in the State of Utah, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Nick Dickinson of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of the consideration of S.J. Res. 3.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORIZING TESTIMONY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 297, submitted earlier by Senator LOTT and Senator DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution, (S. Res. 297) to authorize testimony and legal representation in Martin A. Lopow v. William J. Henderson.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a subpoena in a lawsuit brought by a resident of Connecticut who has sued the Postal Service alleging discrimination in the termination of his employment with the Postal Service. The plaintiff seeks to subpoena from Senator JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN's deputy state director for constituent services copies of case-work files concerning another constituent of the Senator's who is not a party to this lawsuit.